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Letter dated 22 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

You may recall that my Government has continued to caution the Council about sending a wrong message to the rebel groups in Darfur. We strongly believe that the presentation of resolution 1564 (2004) has encouraged the rebels to adopt a position that led to the deadlock of the peace talks in Abuja. Our concerns about the impact of the wrong signals have also been echoed by some members of the Council. It is regrettable to note that as a direct consequence of the pressures and threats addressed to the Government, the rebels have resumed their violations of the ceasefire agreement. In this regard, I would like to bring to your attention the most recent events:

(a) On 16 September 2004, at 1 p.m., the rebels attacked the village of Al-Layet Jaralnabi, south-east of Al Fasher, killed many policemen and civilians and looted the market;

(b) On Saturday, 18 September 2004, the rebels attacked and destroyed a water tanker near Tawila, west of Al Fasher.

These violations have been reported to the African Union Ceasefire Commission.

I would highly appreciate it if you could kindly circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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